

DIARY NOTES

25X1A

DD/S

2 April 1957

25X1A9a

1. Asked [REDACTED] to obtain more specific guidance from Messrs. Nash or Koren as to what kind of briefing Mr. Nash expected from CIA. Harry said that he had talked to Barney Koren who suggested that no plans be made until he and Mr. Nash had returned from their trip to Nassau, Trinidad, etc., after which they would probably have a better idea of just what they wanted.

2. Mr. Townsend called again concerning the speaking invitation to Mr. Dulles from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Although he did not so indicate in his letter, apparently he wants to include Mrs. Dulles in the invitation, as well as Mrs. White and me. I told him that I had planned to be out of town on the 29th and 30th and doubted very seriously that I could make it.

25X1A6a

[REDACTED]

4. Talked to Bob Macy about the draft letter to the President concerning our new building on which we had asked for his comments. He said that he had shown the letter to Mr. Brundage who thought that we should cut down the number of people to fit the building. I told Bob that this would be an impossibility. He asked me not to take any action on this information and promised more definite and specific comments tomorrow.

25X1A9a

[REDACTED]

25X1A

25X1A6a

6. We also discussed what disciplinary action would be taken against those [REDACTED] chiefs who were in charge of [REDACTED] during the time when Government gasoline was being sold and the profits were not being picked up in Government accounts. I told General

25X1A9a [REDACTED] that I realized that this had happened at a time when we had to send out 25X1A
people who were not really experienced in [REDACTED] but that I did not feel that
we could condone this practice in any case. I said I felt very strongly that even without 25X1A
training any mature person who was qualified to be a [REDACTED] chief should have known that 25X1A
this was highly illegal. I approved of his admonishing the people involved orally if he
so desired, but said that I very definitely felt that some disciplinary action should be
taken.

25X1A9a

25X1A9a 7. Lunched with [REDACTED] to talk about his replacement, etc. He thinks that
either [REDACTED] would be very good and highly acceptable to the
25X1A9a DD/P area. We discussed the problem of how to replace [REDACTED] and he suggest-
25X1A9a ed the possibility of [REDACTED]. I am not sure how practical this is,
but it is probably worth exploring since Vernon undoubtedly would be the best choice as
his replacement if we could make the other shifts that would be necessary. Despite
what I had told him previously, Ken was still planning somewhat vaguely to be released
from his present position in October. I told him that I did not see how this could be done
and also did not see why it would take a period of fifteen months to get him ready for his
25X1A6a assignment in [REDACTED]. I said that he should count on being released sometime after the
first of the year.